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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

OP 08-0305

DOUGLAS J. GUILL,

V.

Petitioner,

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ORDER

DISTRICT COURT OF THE MONTANA TWENTIETH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, and the HONORABLE DEBORAH KIM CHRISTOPHER, DISTRICT JUDGE,

Respondent.

Counsel for Defendant Douglas Guill has filed a motion and supporting affidavit pursuant to § 3-1-805, MCA, to disqualify Judge Deborah Kim Christopher in Sanders County Cause No. DC 06-54.

As required by the above statute, the affidavit alleges facts showing a personal bias or prejudice of the presiding judge and is accompanied by a certificate of good faith. Further, the affidavit was filed more than 30 days before the sentencing scheduled for August 5, 2008.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that the Honorable Robert L. Deschamps, III is assigned to conduct a hearing as to the merits of the motion to disqualify.

The Clerk is directed to mail a true copy hereof to the Clerk of the District Court of Sanders County, Montana, for notification to counsel of record in Sanders County Cause No. DC-06-54, to the Honorable Deborah Kim Christopher, District Judge and Honorable Robert L. Deschamps, III, District Judge.

DATED this large day of July, 2008.

Chief Justice

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